Boundary Solar Energy- 555

Our Ref: 9/2/313/0009

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Final Comment

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In terms of Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Rodicon Trading and Investments (Pty) Ltd

BOUNDARY SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE DEA REF No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/555

Morris, D. January 2014. Proposed Boundary Solar Energy Facility on the Farm Karreeboom 1716, east of Kimberley, in the Tokologo Local Municipality, Free State: Heritage Impact Assessment.

Rossouw, L. Phase 1 Palaeontological Impact Assessment of the Boundary PV Solar Facility on Farm Kareeboom 1716, Boshof District, FS Province.

The proposed development entails the construction of a 75MW photovoltaic facility and associated infrastructure on the farm Karreeboom 1716 in the western Free State, 15km east of Kimberley. The project will include photovoltaic panels and mounting structures, cabling, an on-site substation and overhead power line, access roads and fencing, as well as workshops and offices.

In terms of archaeological heritage resources, the author notes that artefact densities are low over the development footprint area. Remains of the historically recorded OFS Custom House situated just east of the Cape Colony/OFS boundary were found and the author recommends that this locale be excluded from the proposed development.

In terms of palaeontological heritage resources, the author notes that that construction will primarily impact on Quaternary-age surface deposits and that the likelihood of palaeontological impact on superficial Quaternary sediments resulting from the construction of the photovoltaic panels and associated infrastructure is considered extremely low. The author further notes that the terrain is not considered palaeontologically vulnerable and there are no major palaeontological grounds to suspend the proposed development.

Case Decision

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objection to the development in terms of possible impact on archaeological and palaeontological heritage resources, provided that the recommendations of the author of the archaeological assessment is adhered to that the historically recorded OFS Custom House situated just east of the Cape Colony/OFS boundary be excluded from the proposed development.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully



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Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/130928

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Terms & Conditions:

- 1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for
- 2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
- 3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.

